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1. CHINA

SEN JAVITS CONCLUDES FROM PRC VISIT THAT MAO AND CHOU
"NO LONGER ARE IN ACTIVE CONTROL OF AFFAIRS"; FEELS,
HOWEVER, PRES FORD CAN EXPECT WARM WELCOME IN PEKING.
ALSO SAYS PRC SEEMS "REVERTING TO ITS PAST AND TURNING
INWARDS." JAVITS DOUBTS PRC WILL URGE NK ATTACK ON
SK, AND BELIEVES WANG HUNG-WEN IS MAN TO WATCH AMONG
CHINESE LEADERS (CHITRIB).

NYT REPORTS BURSON-MARSTELLER (ASIA), LTD HAS PREPARED
GUIDELINES FOR CLIENTS CONTEMPLATING TRADE WITH PRC.
FIRST BIT OF ADVICE IS THAT "MAPS AND NATIONAL FLAGS ARE
ITEMS ABOUTWHICH THE CHINESE WORRY MOST." ITEM NO. 4
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ADVISES CLIENTS "AVOID SEXY ILLUSTRATIONS." FURTHER
HELPFUL INFO TELLS WESTERN ENTREPRENEUR "THERE IS NO
SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT ON COLOR, THOUGH THERE IS SOME
PREFERENCE FOR BRIGHT RED."

PEOPLE'S DAILY CHARGES SOVIET HAS ALREADY VIOLATED
CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY/COOPERATION BY

CROSSING NORWEGIAN AIR SPACE OVER SPITZBERGEN ISLANDS (WP).
NEW DELHI INDIAN EXPRESS CLAIMS PRC HAS MORE THAN
4 MILLION TROOPS STATIONED IN TIBET AND IS BUILDING
UP MISSILE/AIR BASES CLOSE TO BORDERS WITH INDIA AND
SOVIET (WP).

NCNA SAYS MAO MET SIHANOUK WEDNESDAY, AND PRAISED
CAMBODIANS FOR ACHIEVING COMMUNIST VICTORY IN 5 YEARS
FIGHTING (AP NYDN, GLOBE; WP).

MONTHLY PAPER CHINA RECONSTRUCTS REPORTS PRC SCIENTIFIC
TEAM HAS RETURNED FROM MT EVEREST WITH ROCK SPECIMENS
THAT MAY REVEAL HISTORY OF PEAK. MORE THAN 70 SCIENTISTS
FROM 13 RESEARCH UNITS, OTHER DEPARTMENTS FROM PEKING,
SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, PARTICIPATED IN SURVEY COVERING
50,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF AREA (AFP, WP).

2. KOREA

SECDEF "UNINQUIVOCALLY REAFFIRMED" US DEFENSE
COMMITMENT TO ROK DURING SCM, ACCORDING JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED WEDNESDAY (WSJ). ASSURED ROK OF US READINESS,
DETERMINATION "TO RENDER PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE"
UNDER 1954 DEFENSE TREATY IN EVENT OF ARMED ATTACK.
SECDEF, MIN/DEF AGREED NK MIL CAPABILITY "CONTINUES POSE
SERIOUS THREAT" TO SK, AND ESSENTIAL KEEP COMBINED
FORCES DEFENDING ROK IN STATE OF READINESS "SUFFICIENT
TO DETER THE RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES" (AP, SUN).

AFTER SCM, SECDEF TOLD PRESS ANY NK ATTACK
"SEEMS MOST UNLIKELY." TO QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBLE
USE TACTICAL NUKES, REPLIED THAT US SINCE 1945 HAS
REJECTED ATTEMPTS BY OTHERS TO BRING US TO "RENOUNCE
FIRST USE." SAID FIVE-YEAR 1.5 BILLION DOL US MIL
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AID PROGRAM FOR SK STARTED 1971 LAGGING, BUT WILL BE
PURSUED FOR "SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION BY 1977." NOTED
ROK NOW HAS OWN FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, COSTING
ABOUT 2 BILLION DOLS OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS. REAFFIRMED
US HAS NO PLAN REDUCE 42,000 US TROOP PRESENCE "IN
FORESEEABLE FUTURE" (AP,SUN).

NYT SPECIAL (SEOUL) NOTES SECDEF MET PRES PARK,
PM KIM JONG PIL, TO DISCUSS NEW SK ARMED FORCE
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. SAYS SECDEF TOLD PRESS
WASHINGTON RESPONSE "FAVORABLE" TO ROK PROPOSAL
BUY F-4, F-5 AIRCRAFT FROM US. NOTES CONGRESS
HAS TIED FUTURE MIL AID APPROPRIATIONS TO PARK EASING

HUMAN RIGHTS RESTRICTIONS.

SAAR (WP, ABRIDGED IN PHINQ) CITES SECDEF TELLING PRESS NK ATTACK "MOST UNLIKELY," AND EVEN IF COMES, US PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE TO USE NUKES. OBSERVES CALM APPRAISAL BY SECDEF CONFLICTS WITH SK CLAIM INVASION IMMINENT. NOTES SECDEF CONCEDED "SOME DIFFERENCES IN JUDGMENT" BETWEEN US, ROK, BUT SAID THESE WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH TWO NATIONS' ABILITY TO DETER NK ATTACK.

SAAR CITES SECDEF REPLY TO PRESS QUESTION THAT US FORCES DEPLOYED IN KOREA IN RESPONSE TO MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY, "NOT CONTINGENT" UPON ROK DOMESTIC POLICIES. SAID PARK WELL ACQUAINTED WITH US VIEWS ON CIVIL LIBERTIES WHICH US CONGRESSMEN HAVE RAISED IN SEOUL, AND "I HAVE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH HIM."

SAAR CITES AIDES WHO SAY SECDEF FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY FIRST SEOUL VISIT. NOTES SECDEF "EXTRAVAGANT IN HIS PRAISE" OF ROK, LAUDED SK "NATIONAL SPIRIT," "SENSE OF DESTINY," "WILL, DETERMINATION AND INTEGRITY."

3. INDOCHINA

OVER 2000 KHMER REFUGEES ENTER THAILAND FROM PAILIN DURING LAST 4 DAYS TO ESCAPE FORCED LABOR, STARVATION. THAI POLICE SEIZE QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS ON ARRIVAL (AP, NYT; WP). NEWCOMERS BRING TOTAL KHMER REFUGEES UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THAILAND TO OVER 8000, SAY THEY MADE COMMUNIST GUARDS DRUNK, KILLED THEM BEFORE FLEEING (AP, NYT).

TRAFFIC ACROSS MEKONG BETWEEN LAOS, THAILAND FLOWS FREELY, RELS BETWEEN COUNTRIES NORMAL, ACCORDING VIENTIANE REV COMMITTEE PROV CHIEF (WP).

4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

DC SCHOOL SYSTEMS AWAIT SCHOOL OPENING BEFORE MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT HIRING, CLASS CHANGES TO COPE WITH POSSIBLE LARGE INFLUX REFUGEE CHILDREN. MAIN DIFFICULTY IS DETERMINING HOW MANY REFUGEES WILL BE STUDENTS (CAMP, WP).

REFUGEES TRYING RETURN SVN BLAME US FOR DELAY. OFFICIALS BELIEVE REPATRIATION FOR 1600 ON GUAM, 200 ON MAINLAND, COULD TAKE SEVERAL MOS; FEAR LONG CONFINEMENT COULD PROMPT VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF FREQUENT, LIMITED DEMONSTRATIONS NOW TAKING PLACE. USG INSISTS DELAY DUE PRG RELUCTANCE AGREE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR REPATRIATION; UNHCR TRIES BRING US, PRG TOGETHER, BUT SO FAR WITH LITTLE SUCCESS.

SOME OFFICIALS THINK REPATRIATION DELAYED BECAUSE PRG

TOO BUSY SOLIDIFYING CONTROL IN SVN; OTHERS THAT SAIGON MAY WANT SOME CONCESSIONS FROM US -- SUCH AS RECOGNITION OR ECON AID. UN OFFICIALS MEET WITH PRG OFFICIALS IN VIENTIANE, HANOI; UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAY PRG DECIDED US MUST DEAL DIRECTLY WITH IT ON REPATRIATION ISSUE. MOST REFUGEES LOW-LEVEL MIL IN 20S, 30S. REFUGEE LEADERS DEMAND USE OF SVN SHIP CURRENTLY DOCKED IN GUAM TO TAKE THEM HOME; DOS REJECTED SIMILAR PROPOSAL, SINCE MIGHT BE DANGEROUS FOR REFUGEES; BUT MANY OFFICIALS INTRIGUED BY IDEA, SINCE WOULD FORCE PRG ACT ON REPATRIATION PROBLEM (WSJ'S PEARLSTINE ON GUAM).

5. THAILAND

DEPARTURE 342 INDOCHINA REFUGEES FOR CHAFFEE LEAVES ONLY 170 IN UTAPAO CAMP, ACCORDING US SPOKESMAN (WP; UPI, PHINQ).
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HK DONATES 20,000 DOLS TO RTG FOR UN PROJECT TO CONVERT NW OPIUM POPPY FIELDS TO OTHER CROPS (AP, CSM).

6. MALAYSIA

FIVE MEMBERS SECURITY FORCES INJURED, 3 SERIOUSLY, IN COMMUNIST GUERRILLA AMBUSH ALONG THAI BORDER (UPI WP, NYDN).

7. INDONESIA

SPECIAL TAX MAY BE IMPOSED ON CITIZENS WITH OVER 3 CHILDREN AS MEASURE CHECK POPULATION GROWTH, ACCORDING GOI (REUTER, CSM).

8. TIMOR

GOV, LAST REMNANTS OF ADMIN, AT ATAURO ISLAND WHERE HOPE ARRANGE C-F (GLOBE); GOV SAYS EVACUATION ORDERED BY PORTUGUESE PRES FOLLOWING BOMBARDMENT DILI. FREIGHTER MACDILI SAILS FOR DARWIN WITH ABOUT 750 REFUGEES. PORTUGUESE GOVT DEL GATHERS IN DARWIN EN ROUTE TIMOR FOR ATTEMPT END WAR (AP CSM, NYDN; UPI, PHINQ). INDONESIAN DESTROYER REPORTED NEAR DILI TO PICK UP INDO CONSUL, CITIZENS; 3 INDO FREIGHTERS

EN ROUTE TIMOR TO PICK UP REFUGEES (UPI, PHINQ).

PORTUGUESE PEACE MISSION, ICRC REP LEAVE DARWIN FOR ATAURO ABOARD RAAF PLANE, THOUGH NO ASSURANCE WARRING GROUP LEADERS WILL VISIT ISLAND TO TALK.

PORTUGUESE SO FAR UNABLE CONTACT EITHER FIGHTING
FACTION (AP, SUN). MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S SWEENEY AT
DARWIN (WP) OPINES COLONIAL RULE ENDED WHEN TIMOR
GOV FLED DILI, BELIEVES LONG-TERM PROSPECTS BLEAK
FOR END TO FIGHTING. SAYS BESIDES BLOODSHED IN DILI,
REFUGEES REPORT PRIMITIVE HILL PEOPLE WAGING INTERTRIBAL
WAR WITH BOWS, ARROWS. NOTES OBSERVERS AWAIT DECISIVE
MOVE BY INDONESIA AS 6-SHIP FLOTILLA, INCLUDING
3 WARSHIPS FROM JAVA, NEARS DILI. POINTS OUT DARWIN
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FACES MAJOR REFUGEE PROBLEM; CITY OF 20,000 HAS ABOUT
1500 TIMORESE ALREADY LANDED, 750 MORE EN ROUTE.

9. JAPAN

CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO TOLD PRESS WEDNESDAY HIS FATHER
HAS BEEN WAITING TO VISIT US "MORE THAN 50 YEARS."
ADDED HE URGED EMPEROR VISIT SAN DIEGO ZOO, WOODS
;OLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE DURING STATE VISIT SEPT 30-
OCT 14 (UPI, CHITRIB).

PRESSURE ON YEN ON TOKYO FOREX MARKET ABATED WEDNESDAY;
US DOLLAR HELD FIRM AT 298-YEN RATE, UPPER INTERVENTION
LEVEL SET BY CENTRAL BANK (WSJ ROUNDUP).

BANK OF JAPAN WEDNESDAY ASKED BANKING SYSTEM HELP
PREVENT CHAIN REACTION TO KOHJIN COLLAPSE, BIGGEST
IN NATION'S HISTORY. BOJ BLAMED CRASH ON MISMANAGEMENT,
AS KOHJIN ACKNOWLEDGED 989 MILLION DOL INDEBTEDNESS
WEDNESDAY (REUTER, CHITRIB). KOHJIN SAID OWES
CHEMICAL BANK OF NY 300,000 DOLS, LONDON BRANCH OF
AMERICAN ;ATL TRUST OF CHICAGO 500,000 DOLS; ALSO
INDEBTED TOKYO BRANCHES OF SWISS BANK CORP, GERMAN O' SEAS
BANK (AP, TOKYO).

PEARLSTINE (WSJ) SAYS SOME JAPANESE FIANCIAL ANALYSTS
LOOK ON KOHJIN COLLAPSE AS "BLESSING IN DISGUISE"
FOR STOCK MARKET, BECAUSE WILL FINALLY FORCE GOJ ABANDON
REMAINING TIGHT-CREDIT POLICIES, EMBARK ON MASSIVE
SPENDING PROGRAMS TO STIMULATE ECONOMY.

HORACE STONEHAM ADMITTED TUESDAY JAPANESE SYNDICATE
MADE HIGHEST OFFER TO BUY SF GIANTS, PROMISED KEEP TEAM
IN SAN FRANCISCO. SAID NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUING WITH

THEM, TWO US GROPS, AND SALE OF TROUBLED FRANCHISE
"IMMINENT" WITHIN 60 DAYS (CHITRIB). BUT DENIED
GIANTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SOLD TO JAPANESE FOR 17
MILLION DOLS, AS REPORTED IN TOKYO PRESS (PHINQ).

10. PHILIPPINES

GOP ANNOUNCES IT HAS AGREED WITH CUBA ON RESUMPTION

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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AFTER 14-YEAR BREAK (UPI, PHINQ;
WP).

AP (MANILA) REPORTS AUGUST LEHMAN DECLARING WEDNESDAY
HE WED FILIPINO WOMAN AUG 10 IN GUAPO'S CHAPEL OF
MALACANANG PALACE, THAT MARCOS PHONED TO CONGRATULATE
HIM, AND HIS JAILER AND CHIEF MARCOS BODYGUARD
(MAJ GEN VER) ACTED AS WEDDING SPONSOR-- BECOMING
UNDER PHILIPPINE CUSTOM LEHMAN'S "COMPADRE," OR
GODFATHER. LEHMAN, STILL UNDER DETENTION (BUT NEVER
TRIED) FOLLOWING 1972 CHARGES OF PLOTTING KILL MARCOS,
CONTENDS PHILS MILITARY IS HELPING HIM SET UP CORP
TO SELL GOP IMPORTED ENGINE PARTS, OTHER ITEMS.
ADDS HE'S "SORT OF UNDER PROBATION" AND MUST STAY IN
PHILS --" GUESS YOU CAN CALL MY ARRANGEMENT A
MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT."

US APPEALS COURT WEDNESDAY REFUSED LECHOCO REQUEST
TO REMAIN FREE WHILE APPEALING CASE (WP).

11. AUSTRALIA

WH ANNOUNCES PRES ACCEPTS RESIGNATION MARSHALL GREEN
AS AMB TO AUSTRALIA, NAURU (REUTER, WP).

IN TURNAROUND FOR LABOR GOVT, NEW BUDGET SEEKS CURB
INFLATION RATE, APPEASE PRIVATE SECTOR, OVERHAUL
TAX SYSTEM, CUT GOVT SPENDING GROWTH RATE IN HALF
(CSM). AUSSIE TRADE CONNECTIONS WITH JAPAN GROW
STRONGER, MAY EXCEED THOSE WITH UK, US BY 1980.
BALANCE FAVORABLE SINCE JAPAN NEEDS PRIMARY PRODUCTS;
BUT IMPORT OF MANUFACTURED ITEMS GROWS AND TOYOTA,
NISSAN EXPECT START PRODUCING CARS IN AUSTRALIA BY
1980 (VICKERS, CSM).

12. GENERAL

CITING SUCCESS RECENT ?UR SECURITY CONF, SOVIET PUBLICATIONS
TRY IMPART MOMENTUM TO LONG-STANDING PLAN FOR ASIAN
COLLECTIVE-SECURITY SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED
COOLY IN AREA FOR FEAR RUSSIA INTENDS USE SYSTEM
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AGAINST PRC. WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW EXPECTED

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MOVE IN WAKE HELSINKI. UNCLEAR WHETHER USSR INTENDS

START NEW CAMPAIGN TO PUT TOGETHER ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM; ARTICLES COME AT TIME WHEN MOSCOW PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT PRC MIGHT BE MAKING HEADWAY IN ASIA FOLLOWING INDOCHINA WARS. IZVESTIA SAYS NOT SURPRISED PEKING OPPOSES SYSTEM, SINCE IT "DREAMS OF HEGEMONY IN ASIA;" EXPRESSES SURPRISE SOME JAPANESE PAPERS SAY SUSPICIOUS ABOUT IDEA. SOVIET AUTHOR WRITES MAIN HELSINKI PRINCIPLES RELEVANT TO ASIA, DECLARES FRONTIER INVIOABILITY COULD NOT BE OPPOSED BY PRC, "CERTAIN CIRCLES" IN JAPAN (NYT'S WREN IN MOSCOW).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. KOREA

JEFFREY HART (BOST H-A 8/23) STATES "PSY-WAR PROCESS" UNDER WAY IN US MEDIA, LEADING TO POLITICAL AND/OR MILITARY SUBJUGATION OF SK BY NK. TO SUBSTANTIATE THESIS, CITES RECENT ARTICLES BY RICHARD ROVERE (NEW YORKER), DANIEL SOUTHERLAND (CSM) AND BALDWIN/CUMMINGS (NY REVIEW OF BOOKS), WHICH HE DISMISSES IN WORDS OF V.I. LENIN -- "THE WORK OF USEFUL IDIOTS."

14. JAPAN

NYT'S DONAL HENEHAN INTERVIEWS CONDUCTOR SEIJI OZAWA, WHO PROFFESSES TO FEEL NO PAIN ABOUT TURNING 40 NEXT MONTH. FORMER BOY WONDER SERVES AS MUSIC DIRECTOR OF BOTH BOSTON, SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONIES; SAYS IT WAS SHOCK TO TURN 20, BECAUSE THEN NO ONE IN JAPAN BELIEVED IT POSSIBLE "FOR A JAPANESE TO CONDUCT THE BIG ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD."

CHITRIB'S YATES IN TOKYO (8/27) OUTLINES PM MIKI "LIFE CYCLE PLAN," WHICH ATTEMPTS DEAL WITH "ROLLING THUNDER OF DISCONTENT" WITH LIFE IN JAPAN -- PROMISES BETTER HOUSING TO ALL JAPANESE; END TO JOB DISCRIMINATION UNCLASSIFIED

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ROOTED IN TRADITIONAL LINKS BETWEEN CERTAIN UNIVERSITIES AND CORPORATIONS, GOVT; "STUDY LEAVE PROGRAM" FOR UNDER-30 EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND SCHOOL FULL-TIME; 6-MONTH PAID LEAVE FOR WORKERS ON JOB 15 YEARS TO "REFLECT ON THEIR LIVES," RETURN TO WORK WITH FRESH OUTLOOK; CHILD-REARING LEAVE TO GUARANTEE MOTHERS' RIGHTS RETURN TO JOB WHEN CHILDREN GROWN UP; EXTENSION OF COMPULSORY RETIREMENT AGE FROM 50 TO 60. NOTES AMBITIOUS PLAN CALLED EVERYTHING FROM "SPIRITUALLY AMBITIOUS" TO "PATENTLY ABSURD," AND SOME FEAR SPELL "RUIN OF CAPITALISM IN JAPAN."

MARY/NORMAN TOLMAN IN TOKYO (CSM) REVIEW MODERN PRINT MOVEMENT BOOMING THROUGHOUT JAPAN, INTRODUCE PROMISING

YOUNG ARTISTS, DESCRIBE THEIR TECHNIQUES, FAVORITE
SUBJECTS.

15. GENERAL

NYT'S ANDELMAN AT KL SEES MALACCA STRAIT AS DIP,
ECOLOGICAL BATTLEGROUND DUE RECURRENT PRESENCE US,
SOVIET WARSHIPS, INCREASINGLY HEAVY TANKER TRAFFIC
WITH ACCOMPANYING OIL SPILLS. NOTES MALAYSIA, INDONESIA,
SINGAPORE CLAIM SHARES IN WATERWAY, WANT MAKE IT ORDERLY,
REGULATED SHIPPING LANE. SAYS JAPANESE TANKER THAT RAN
AGROUND LAST JAN FOCUSED ATTENTION ON STRAIT PROBLEMS,
THOUGH SIMILAR ACCIDENTS OCCUR REGULARLY. MAJOR STRAIT
USERS REJECT BULK OF CONTROL PROPOSALS, WHICH LIKELY
BE RAISED AT NEXT YR'S LOS CONFERENCE. DISCUSSES DRAW-
BACKS TO STRAIT, INCLUDING SHALLOWNESS, CURRENTS, ROCKS.
SAYS ALTERNATIVE LOMBOK STRAIT NEAR BALI WOULD ADD 900
MILES TO ME-JAPAN TRIP; OTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE CANAL
ACROSS THAILAND'S KRA ISTHMUS THAT THAI INDUSTRIALIST
IS PRESSING, BUT MAY COST MUCH AS 11 BIL DOLS, WILL
SAVE 750 MILES OVER MALACCA STRAIT PASSAGE. ADDS JAPANESE
COMPANY STUDIES MORE ATTRACTIVE POSSIBILITY OF PIPELINE
ACROSS KRA ISTHMUS. INGERSOLL

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